

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 462 – SB 524**

March 1, 2017

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to promulgate rules to adopt and implement books and appropriate curriculum for American Sign Language to satisfy the foreign language requirement.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Expenditures – \$25,600/FY17-18  
\$4,300/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004288):** Deletes and rewrites language of the bill to require the SBE to adopt a policy allowing American Sign Language courses to satisfy foreign language requirements.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

Increase Local Expenditures –  
Exceeds \$20,000/FY17-18/Permissive  
Exceeds \$5,000/FY18-19 and Subsequent Years/Permissive

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information from the SBE, the SBE could adopt a general policy in the normal course of business. In this case, the impact to state government is estimated to be not significant.
- It is unknown how many LEAs would offer American Sign Language under the provisions of the bill as amended.
- Based on information provided by the SBE, to the extent that American Sign Language is offered, LEAs would promulgate rules and adopt text books in a smaller-scale process similar to that promulgated by the SBE.
- The precise fiscal impact on local expenditures is dependent on the scope and extent of the policy adopted by the SBE including but not limited to whether the policy requires LEAs to offer such courses, if any existing resources for current foreign language

courses are diverted to American Sign Language, and the number of LEA's adding such courses.

- Based on information provided by the SBE, local boards of education may experience a permissive increase in local expenditures to implement any new curriculum based on the policy adopted by the SBE.
- The precise fiscal impact for local boards of education to adopt a new curriculum cannot be determined; but is reasonably estimated to result in a statewide permissive increase in local expenditures exceeding \$20,000 in FY17-18 and exceeding \$5,000 in FY18-19 and subsequent years.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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